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MUS 113 / 313

OPERA THEATER

MWF 3:10-5

Instructor: Anne Basinski

Office: Music Rm. 10

243-5192

Course objectives and activities:

In this course a student will develop and practice skills needed for performing in the lyric theater. Students rehearse and perform assigned scenes from opera, operetta and musicals. Students also assist in assembling and preparing costumes and set, and serve as stage crew or narrators for scenes they are not in. The culmination of the class is the two performances, which serves as the final.

Students are required to learn their individual assignments outside of class, so that rehearsal time is devoted to developing good ensemble with other members of the scene.

Attendance:

Any unexcused absence will result in the lowering of the student's grade. To be excused, you must speak to Professor Basinski *before* the class/rehearsal in question – she will then decide, based on your reason for missing, whether the absence is excused or not. The reason for such a strict policy is that it is impossible for your colleagues to rehearse with you when you are not there. Performers must of course attend performances. After the final performance, all participants are expected to help strike the set. Anyone who does not do this will fail the class.

The rehearsal schedule is posted on the Voice Area Board directly across from the main Music Office.

Check frequently for updates and information about costume fittings, etc... Rehearsals will probably be relocated the first two weeks in November due to other activities in the building. Check the voice board ahead of time to see where rehearsal will be.

If you miss a costume fitting without calling the costume shop *in advance* (243-5271) your grade will drop to a C (if you have an A otherwise).

Opera Theater will perform on Thursday April 19. All students must be available for the performance, and the following rehearsal times:

Wednesday Feb 28 3:10 – Sing through of all, memorized

Monday Apr 16 3:10 All -Run show twice

Wed Apr 18 3:10 call

3:30 tech / dress rehearsal

7:00 call

7:30 dress

Thurs Apr 19 – 6:45 call, 7:30 performance – afterwards, all stay to strike the set

Grading:

Preparation for rehearsals: 50%

Memorization by required date: 15%

Performance: 35%

Unexcused missed rehearsals will result in lowered grade.

Missing performance or strike will result in failing grade

All students must practice academic honesty. Academic misconduct is subject to an academic penalty by course instructor and /or a disciplinary sanction by the university.

All students need to be familiar with the Student Conduct Code. The Code is available for review online at <http://www.umt.edu/SA/VPSA/index.cfm/page/1321>.